

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended during the interview held at the Examiner's office on April 27, 2004. Based on the discussions during the interview regarding the Examiner's misunderstanding concerning the meaning of the claim 1 terminology, i.e., "a color chip", applicant is requesting reconsideration of the subject application. Applicants directed the Examiner's attention to page 8, lines 7-8, describing "a color chip". In view of this misunderstanding, withdrawal of the finality of the previous official action is hereby requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6-21 remain pending. Claims 1, 11, and 12 have been amended in accordance with discussions held during the interview. New claims 22-26 have been amended to secure an appropriate scope of protection to which applicant is believed entitled. Based on the terminology misunderstanding and the foregoing amendments to claims 1, 11, and 12 it is believed that claims 1-4 and 6-26 are patentable over the applied references either singly or in combination.

The rejection of claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-18, and 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rolleston (U.S. Patent 5,483,360) in view of Syeda-Mahmood (U.S. Patent 6,469,706) and the rejection of claims 8 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rolleston in view of Washio (U.S. Patent 5,109,274) are believed overcome in view of the above amendments and resolution of the Examiner misunderstanding. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 1, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite is believed overcome in view of the above amendments and Examiner misunderstanding regarding the meaning of the terminology "a color chip." Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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